

January 19, 2012

Senator Jim Peterson
SD 15
501 Peterson Ranch Ln
Buffalo, MT 59418-8134

Dear Senator Peterson,

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I consider myself an independent voter and have supported candidates from both parties based on the credentials brought forward rather than solely on political affiliation. I do not see any manner in which my past associations could paint me as being "too political". I have worked in public policy and government for over 25 years and feel I can traverse the political and public nature of this position.

I am a Montana native and own a home in Sheridan. I am currently employed by the State of Utah, Office of Governor, Public Lands Policy Coordination. I would welcome the opportunity to use my skills and experience for the benefit of government in Montana. I have attached my resume for your review. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you in further detail how I can meet the obligations of Commissioner of Political Practices. Please feel free to call me at your convenience at 801-657-2060. Although I work in Salt Lake City, I return home to Montana on a regular basis and would be willing to meet with you at a location of your choosing.

I appreciate your time and consideration of my desire to serve as the Commissioner and assure the political functions of Montana occur according to state statute.

Sincerely,

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HD 19
276 Chestnut Valley Rd
Cascade, MT 59421-8204

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OBJECTIVE: Utilize extensive experience in critical thinking, client/customer relations, knowledge and application of organizational behavior and management to improve the operational efficacy and structure of an organization or company.

PROFILE: Critical thinking skills used to analyze and develop public policies; organizational management expertise applied to create effective business processes; capable of translating competencies across a variety of issues and settings.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ 2008- Present Sr. Public Lands Policy Analyst and Director of Resource Development
Coordinating Committee, Governor's Office of Public Lands Policy Coordination, State of Utah
 - Improved office management lapses identified in Legislative Audit
 - Strategic planning
 - Budget detail and tracking
 - Performance measures
 - Organizational management
 - Develop the state's policy position on projects occurring on public lands in Utah requiring review under the National Environmental Policy Act
 - Coordinate twenty four state agencies required under statute to review public land and resource development and activities
 - Oversee the permitting of archaeology principle investigator and excavation plans
 - Designed project management data base for public and state use
 - Represent the state in public land management discussions with federal agencies
 - Coordinate the interest of multiple stakeholders
- ❖ 2005-2008 Executive Director, Montana Consensus Council
 - Managed a state agency budget and personnel issues
 - Managed contracts and billing for services
 - Wrote proposals and received grant funding
 - Facilitate state/federal/tribal policy conflict resolution on natural resource issues
 - Coordinated the St. Mary's Canal Rehabilitation Working Group including achieving consensus on federal legislation language among a variety of stakeholders
 - Designed and implemented tribal natural resource leadership training program

- ❖ 2005- Present Owner, Edwards Enterprises, LLC, Sheridan, Montana
 - Consultation services on federal and state policy and programs
 - Completed a feasibility study of a dialysis unit for south eastern Montana
 - Owner/operator of Wellness Works fitness center
 - Certified as a Personal Trainer and in Weight and Lifestyle Management by the American Council on Exercise
 - Governor's Council on Workplace Wellness, Montana (2006-2008)
 - AmeriCorps trainer in community impact evaluation

- ❖ 1992-2004 Tribal Health Policy Liaison, Executive Director's Office, Utah Department of Health
 - Secured support from the National Congress of American Indians for Medicaid funding changes
 - Obtained Congressional funding for health clinic on the Navajo Reservation
 - Served as lead state staff for the Western Governors' Association on Indian health policy
 - Created and hosted Western Summit on Indian Health Care for seven years
 - Established the Indian Health Advisory Board, the first tribal advisory board in state government
 - Developed Utah's Tribal Health Consultation agreement, signed by Governor Leavitt and Utah Tribal leaders
 - Wrote grant and was awarded \$400,000 for coordinating health programs among local/tribal/state/federal/non-profit organizations
 - Involved in federal policy issues and advocating new approaches to addressing health disparities
 - Point of contact for individuals or health providers trying to access coverage of services under the Indian Health Services, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program or other federally designed programs to meet the needs of Indian clients

EDUCATION

University of Alabama, Birmingham, Master's of Public Health
 Montana State University, Bachelor of Science, Community Health
 Montana State University, Northern, Associate Degree of Nursing, Currently licensed in Montana

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Certified Conflict Partnership Catalyst, Dr. Dudley Weeks
- State of Utah Certified Public Manager
- Ruby Valley Hospital Board, Sheridan, Montana

Fox, Susan

From: Jim Peterson [jimpetersonranch@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 9:10 AM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: Fwd: Commissioner of Political Practices
Attachments: Political Practices.docx; Primary Resume 2012.doc

From JP

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Judy Edwards** <jedwards121@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 19, 2012 at 10:27 PM
Subject: Commissioner of Political Practices
To: "jimpetersonranch@gmail.com" <jimpetersonranch@gmail.com>

Senator Peterson, attached is a letter of interest in the position of Commissioner of Political Practices and my current resume. I would appreciate your consideration as you select nominations to forward to the Governor.

Sincerely,

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Thank you

Jim Peterson

Fox, Susan

From: Mike Milburn [mmilburn@mcn.net]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:06 AM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: FW: Commissioner of Political Practices
Attachments: Political Practices.docx; Primary Resume 2012.doc

Passing this on

From: Judy Edwards [<mailto:jedwards121@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 10:17 PM
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